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GENEALOGY OF A BRANCH OF THE WEAVER FAMILY

Clement Weaver[1]

Clement Weaver[2]

John Weaver[3]

Thomas Weaver[4]

John Weaver[5]

Constant Weaver[6]

Constant Weaver[7]

George Weaver[8]

Erastus Weaver[9]

Harry Otis Weaver[10]

William Otis Weaver[11]

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PREFACE

The history of the Weaver family starts in the Mists of the Neolethlic age of Man in what is now Wales, encompasses the invasions of the Gaiails, the Romas, the Normans, the Ango Saxons. In the pedrigree from Cunedda the first Welsh king there are 31 generations of Welsh, 10 generations of English and 11 generations of American. In this span of time our ancestors have engaged in countless wars: Welsh tribal conflicts and resistance to outside invaders, English Baronal wars, King Philips War, The American Revolution, the Civil War, and World War II. In America our family were members of The Massachusetts Bay Colony, later to depart in favor of Roger Williams in Rhode Island. Our American hearth stone is the State of Rhode Island where our family constitutes one of the earliest in the history of New England.

COAT OF ARMS

SABLE TWO BARS ARGENT: IN CHIEF THREE GARBS OR.

CREST

A RAM'S HEAD ERASED ARGENT.

MOTTO

ESTO FIDELIS
(Be Faithful)

(This is the Cheshire (English)
Coat of Arms - Ref.
Burkes General Armory.")

EARLY WELSH HISTORY

Scientists tell us that the Glacial Period is believed to destroyed all forms of life in the British Isles. With the opening of the Neopolithic or New Stone Age begins, so far as is now known, the continuous history of man in Wales. There is evidence that the original Welsh people were a mixture of the Semetic race of Babylon and the Honetic race of Egypt.

The direct ancestors of Welsh were offering sacrifices to their gods in Britian thousands of years before the Christian Era. The earliest members of the group would seem to have been short men whose average heighth was not more than five feet four inches. The average woman's heighth was four feet ten inches. Their heads were long and narrow and the cast of face mild. Even before bronze was introduced, that is to say before 2000 B.C., they were conquerored by a broad headed race who was thick set but short in stature. These in turn were conquerored by a round headed people of robust build, tall and savage looking.

The Celts from western Europe (The Goidels) invaded Britian about 1200 B.D. Their presence in Wales was not felt until about 1000 B. C. They were tall, robust and had light hair and complexion. Biodorus Siculus, a Roman, described them physically as tall, muscular, fair skinned and blonde, fighting capitously. They sometimes bleached their hair "To increase the distinguishing color which nature had given them." He also noted that some affected long mustaches, which "became entangled in the food and when they are drinking the beverage passes as if it were through a kind of strainer." Strapo observed that "The whole race is war mad, and both high spirited and quick for battle although otherwise simple and not ill mannered." The Celts conquerored the Aboriginies with superior weapons and became a military aristocracy. The Aboriginies were their serfs and drudges. In the course of time the blood intermingled.

The next invasion of Wales took place in the third or fourth century B. C. by the Brythons Belgic Celtic race.

The coming of the Roman occupation in 49 A.D. all parties in the British Isles took common cause against the Romans.

At the departure of the Romans the Brythons again undertook the conquest of the Goidels and the Aboriginies. The fortunes of war were against them and in their distress they appealed to their Brythonic kinsman, Cuneddua who had been a Roman officer on the North Wall. He came with eleven of his twelve sons and his forces, conquerored the Goidels and the Aboriginies and united the Welsh into a separate kingdom of which he became the ruler.

The Anglo-Saxon conquest did not greatly intermingle blood with the Welsh. The Welsh were able in a great measure to resist the invasion and retire to a permanent place to form the Welsh nation.

The Welsh of today are directly decended from the Brythons and more remotely from the Aboriginies and Goidels.

Our ancestors were the ancient Brythons and in fact the true Brythons.

Our family starts with Cunedda (A.D. 400) the first Welsh king and continues until 32 generations later when we become Englishmen.

ENGLISH HISTORY

The name WEAVER appears first in history in the Domesday Book, 1086 A.D. in which the Weaver Manor in Cheshire England is recorded. In Cheshire County England there is also a Weaver River and Weaver Manor located near Middlewich, Cheshire England. At one time this family was Catholic and was loyal to the Roman Catholic Church about 500 years ago. Morton, the Fifth Bishop of Rome, 1417 to 1431, granted by Papal Bull to the Weaver family the privilege of a special altar for family worship.

Contrary to popular belief the name WEAVER did not originiate as an Elizabethean trade-name. The name is derived from a Frenchman, Baron De Wavre, who was a Norman and came to England before the conquest of William the Conqueror. On account of the protection and favor shown the Normans by King Edward the Confessor. He gave his name to Weaver Manor in Cheshire England and also to the Weaver River in that Area. This Norman family is said to have originated in Vavres, Flanders. Cheshire being located on the border of Wales it is said that two Welshmen of our family were employed by the Baron De Wavre to guard his castle in time of war and as a favor for their service they were privileged to adopt his name which deviated into Wever and then to Weaver. The account is told in "England Historical and Genealogical Register Vol. XLVII page 48" as follows:

> "The Weaver family were for a long succession of years to be found principally in the three counties bordering on Wales, viz: Cheshire, Shropshire and Herefordshire. Their name was taken from the

Manor of Weever near Middlewich, Cheshire, held by the service of finding two men to guard Aldsford Castle for forty days in time of war. They had a chapel formerly in a Churchyard Middlewich of which there are now no remains and the manor was sold about 1720 to the Wilbrahan family by the Stonleys of Aderly Park in whose possession it had come by Descent. Since then the old manor house has been taken down and a farm house built on its site."

THE AMERICAN HISTORY

Founder of the Weaver family in America was Clement Weaver who came to this country about 1630. Originally settled in The Massachusetts Bay Colony during the period of Puritans. Why he left England and came to America is not known. He probably was a part of the Pilgrim migration. It appears however that he lapsed entirely from the Puritans beliefs and separated away from The Massachusetts Bay Colony to cast his lot with Roger Williams in Rhode Island. This account of the family is given in "Representative Men and Old Families of Rhode Island" Vol. II as follows:

"The Weavers of Newport and vicinity have been a continuous family there for over two and a half centuries. The earlier generations were men active and influential in the public affairs of the colony. One of the sons of the settler serving repeatedly in the colonial assembly. Later generations as well have taken a conspicuous part in the business, social and public life of their town and region of the county, among whom in the past centruy have been the Hon. Benjamin Weaver of Newport and in turn his son,

Hon. Joseph Briggs and Hon. John Goddard Weaver, of whom all were men of high standing in their community prominient and influential citizens often called to positions of honor and trust by their fellowmen and some of their children yet remain in the old home city, representative of the citizenship there of today.

"Clement Weaver is found in the list of freemen of Newport, Rhode Island, 1655. He was jury man in 1671 and deputy in 1678. He married Mary Freeborn born in 1627 the daughter of William and Mary Freeborn. His death occured in 1683. His children were: Elizabeth, Clement, William, John and Thomas. Mr. Weaver, it is believed, lived about 3 miles from Newport in what is now the town of Middletown, Rhode Island."

From other sources we learn that John Goddard Weaver, above mentioned, in his religious belief was a Unitarian and president of the Board of Trustees of the Channing Memorial Church at Newport. He was also proprietor of the Ocean House a prominient resort hotel at Newport, Rhode Island.

Apparently, as shown by the following genealogy, most of the members of the family stayed in the east. It is recorded that Constant^{8} Weaver, son of Constant^{7} Weaver settled near Quincy, Illinois. We, of course, know that Erastus Weaver finally settled at Cairo, Iowa. The Lucius Weaver genealogy shows that two children of Constant^{7} Weaver stayed in Rhode Island and that their descendents are still living in and around Providence.

The compiling of this genealogy has uncovered definite proof that Constant[7] Weaver was a"Minuteman" in the Revolutionary War. The Lucius Weaver Genealogy in giving Constant Weaver's history stated, "Some of his descedents think that he was in the Revolutionary War." This has been checked in the National Archives in Washington. You will find as Exhibit "A" to this manuscript is proof and history of his Revolutionary War service. His grandson, Erastus, served in the Civil War and his grandson, William O.,served in World War II. Others of his grandchildren have served in World War I, the Korean War and are now on active duty with the military service.

THE WEAVER WELSH PEDIGREE

1- CUNEDDA - (A.D. 400) Was the first ruler of the Welsh people of whom there is any authentic record. His success in conquering the enemies of the Brythons gave him the title WLEDIG or Great King. He founded a dynasty which through his descedants, ruled the Welsh people during several centuries. He seems to have been a Christian and probably he was partly of Roman ancestory.

2- EINION YRTH (son of No. 1)

3- CADWALLON LAWHIR (Son of No. 2)

4- MAELGWN HIR (Son of No. 3)

5- RUHUN (Son of No. 4)

6- BELI (Son of No. 5)

7- IAGO (Son of No. 6) (D about A.D. 616)

8- CADFAN (Son of No. 7) (D about A.D. 617)

9- CADWALLON (Son of No. 8)

10- CADWALADR (Son of No. 9)

11- IDWAL (Son of No. 10)

12- RHODRI MOLWYNOG (Son of No. 11)

13- CYNAN (Son of No. 12) (D about 816)

14- ETHYLLT (Son of No. 13)

15- MERFYN FRYCH (Son of No. 14)

16- RHODRI MAWR (Son of No. 15)

17- CADELL (Son of No. 16)

18- HYWEL DHA (Son of No. 17)

19- OWAIN (Son of No. 18)

20- MAREDUDD (Son of No. 19) (Died about 999)

21- CYNFYN and ANGHARAD (daughter of No. 20)

22- BLEDDYN (Son of No. 21)

23- CADWGAN (Son of No. 22)

Maried a daughter of Robert of Sai a Norman Baron (Lord of Clun).

24- GRUFFYDD (Son of No. 23)

25- MREDYDD GOCH (Son of No. 24)

26- MREDYDD VYCHAN (Son of No. 25)

27- llewelyn (Son of No. 26)

28- HYWEL VYCHAN (Son of No. 27)

29- MADOC (Son of No. 28)

30- IEUAN (Son of No. 29)

31- HUMPHREY WEVER (Son of No. 30)

He was the first in our line to have a surname and to bear the WEVER name. He married Joyce Verch Jenkin ap Llewely N ap Einion. His first name may have come from the Boherns, a celebrated family of Norman lords, who flurished at that time and who had at least five generations in succession named Humphrey.

THE ENGLISH WEAVER PEDIGREE

32- WALTER WEAVER (Son of No. 31)

The pedigree of the branch of the Herefordshire Weavers from which we are decended begins with his name without any particulars.

His decendants changed the name to Weaver, thus emphasizing their separation from the main welsh line which continued to use the original form _Wever.

Some have thought that he married a Welsh woman and his decendants did not care to advertise the fact.

33- WALTER WEAVER (Son of No. 32)

34- THOMAS WEAVER (Son of No. 33)

35- WALTER WEAVER (Son of No. 34)

36- THOMAS WEAVER (Son of No. 35)

37- JOHN WEAVER (Son of No. 36)

38- JENKIN WEAVER (Son of No. 37)

39- GRIFFITH WEAVER (Son of No. 38)

40- JOHN WEAVER (Son of No. 39)

41- THOMAS WEAVER (Son of No. 40)

THE WEAVER FAMILY IN AMERICA

42- CLEMENT[1] WEAVER (Son of No. 41)

Born in Glastonburg, England about 1592, married Rebecca Holbrook daughter of William Holbrook.

"Ours is one of the oldest New England families and we should be proud of its history."

He was a resident of Boston 1640- a householder in Weymouth, Mass. in 1643 next door to his brother-in-law, Thomas Holbrook,and settled in Rhode Island about 1650.

The causes which led our ancestor, Clement Weaver, to leave his native land and seek a home in

bleak and barren New England are not clearly defined. His brother-in-law, Thomas Holbrook, come to New England in 1635 and settled in Weymouth, Mass. but Clement Weaver appears to have come earlier.

(Purtian period 1620-1643)

Was in Purtian Colony and broke away with Roger Williams led to settlement of Rhode Island.

The Weaver family left Weymouth, Mass. and settled midway between Newport and Portsmouth, R.I.

Children of Clement[1] and Rebecca (Holbrook) Weaver

I- Clement[2] born in England before Dec. 11, 1625 perhaps about 1620 married May Freeborn of Portsmouth, R. I.

II- Elmer[2]

III- Elizabeth[2]

43- CLEMENT[2] WEAVER

Born in Glastonburg, England, between 1617 & 1625 married Mary Freeborn daughter of William Freeborn who migrated from England settled in Massachusetts Bay Colony and was ordered to depart with otheres in 1638 became one of the founders of Portsmouth, R. I. He (William Freeborn) was one of the original signers of "The Compact" of the Roger Williams Colony in R. I.

Clement came to America with his parents as a minor. He was called "Sergeant."

Clement Weaver and John Weaver were among the 50 persons to whom the township of East Greenwich was granted Oct. 31, 1677.

Died about 1680.

I- Clement[3] was born probably about 1647 d. 1691

II- William[3]

III- John[3] born about 1650

IV- Thomas[3]

44- JOHN[3] WEAVER

Born about 1649 presumably in Newport, R.I. Died previous to Feb. 11, 1702-3. The date of his marriage, name of wife and date of death are likewise lacking. Made a freeman of Newport May 5, 1675.

He was a soldier in King Philips War. Received a grant of land in East Greenwich for his service.

I- Thomas[4] b about 1672
m. Mary_____who joined in a deed.

II- Clement[4]

45- THOMAS[4] WEAVER

Born about 1672 died in Freetown or Swarzey, Mass. about 1728 married Mary_____then Hanah_____. He was a cord waiver and lived in Newport as late as 1713 and later removed to Mass.

I- John[5] b Aug. 5, 1694

II- Mary[5]

III- Hannah[5]

IV-Benjamin[5]

V- Martha[5]

VI- Peley[5]

VII- Joseph[5]

VIII-Jonathan[5]

IX- Peter[5]

46- JOHN[5] WEAVER

Was born August 5, 1694 in Newport, R.I. Died Volerntwwn, Conn. between May 12 and June 9 1752 He married perhaps about 1715 Patience whose maiden name is not known. She was living in Scituate a widow in June 1761.

Between 1733 and 1751 he bought several pieces of R.E. in Swanzly, Gloucester, Killingly and Volerntown.

His will was made May 12 1752 and proved in the Probate Court at Plainfield, Conn. June 9, 1752. His real estate was estimated at 990 pounds and his personal property at 211-11 pounds. The land lay partly in Volerntown and partly in Killingly as shown by two deeds given by the executors to Theophilus Jackson of Killingly who bought January 7, 1754, seven acres in Killingly on the line between the two towns adjoining land of Constant Weaver and 20 acres in Volerntown" in the will of land between said Volerntown and Killingly now added to Volerntown."

I- Edward[6]

II- John[6]

III- Constant[6]

IV- Elizabeth[6]

47- CONSTANT[6] WEAVER
(The proper name "Constant"- Latin- firm,faithful)

Was born probably in one of the southwesterly towns of Bristol County not far from 1728, remain in Massachusetts until sometime between 1741 and 1746, when his father settled in Killingly, Conn. He died between Sept.-Dec. 22, 1773 and April 11, 1774. He was married Aug. 27, 1750 to Elethea Allen of Killingly, by Andrew Brown Justice. The Town Clerk of Gloucester, R. I. recorded the name of the bride as Elizabeth Allen which probably was an error.
He was Ensign of the Second Scituate Military Company 1767, 1768 and 1769.
His will made Dec. 22, 1773 was presented for probate April 11, 1774 and proved May 16, 1774.

Children:

I- Patience[7]

II- Daniel[7]

III- Constant[7]

IV- Phebe[7] m. Reuben Hopkins, Jr.

V- Anne or Nancy[7] (m. in Foster R. I.)

VI- Hannah[7] m. Peter Hopkins

VII- Martha[7] m. Jeremiah Hopkins.

(The Hopkins family is mentioned because we are relatives by marriage of Step Hopkins signer of D. of I.)

48- CONSTANT[7] WEAVER

Was born about 1756 and died Feb. 8, 1838, in Providence, R. I. See exhibit "A" hereto attached as to the Revolutionary War record and other historical date concerning Constant Weaver from National Archives, Washington, D. C. He married Mary Spaulding.

Children:

I- Daniel[8] b. Oct. 28, 1785

II- Hannah[8]

III- Joshau[8] - Killed in fire at Providence 1826 Captian Hydraulic Co.

IV- Rebecca[8]

V- Reuben[8] b. June 10, 1792 - Blacksmith his son in jewelry business, Providence.

VI- Joseph[8] Carpenter

VII- Constant[8] - Settled near Quincy, Ill.

VIII- Ann[8] married--_____ Kennedy, lived Plainfield, Conn.

IX- George[8]

49- GEORGE[8] WEAVER

Born Scitaute (now Foster), R. I. or Killingly, Conn. about 1790, died Providence R. I. about 1820. Married Rebecca Day. Little is known as to his occupation or otherwise died at an early age.

Children:

I- Erastus[9]

II- Mary[9] - married _____ has several daughters.

a- Kliza_____ married_____ Saunders lived at Roxbury, Mass.

b- Ellen_____ married_____ Leach

c- ?

Rebecca Day Weaver married second time to Timothy Aldrich. (Timothy Aldrich's father Kaleb Aldrich was an officer in Revolutionary War) Timothy had a brother Linnis, brother Nelson and sister who married a Knight. Children:

I- Edward Aldrich - Keen, N. H.
Children: Harriet Aldrich Bowker
Edward Bowker, actor.

II- Charles Aldrich - unknown since Civil War.

III- Hannah Aldrich-

IV- Nelson Aldrich - died in Civil War.

V- Emline Aldrich - married _____ Cudworth-Boston
Children: Bertha Cudworth, Edward Cudworth.

(See Exhibit "B" hereto attached of copy of family record in possession of William O. Weaver concerning Constant & George Weaver)

50- ERASTUS[9] WEAVER
(Proper name "Erastus" - Greek- beloved, lovely, amiable) Born Providence, R.I., Sept. 30, 1815. At the age of six, after death of his father George Weaver, went to live with his grandfather Constant Weaver at Hartland, Vermont. (See Exhibit for residence of Constant Weaver at Hartland, Vermont.) His boyhood days were spent at Hartland and in Cheshire County New Hampshire. (Attended Church at Westmoreland, N.H.; Spent sometime at Battleboro, Vt.) until he was 21 years or in 1836 when he came west to the Territory of Wisconsin, locating near Milwaukee which was a small trading post. He engaged in the lumber business

on the Fox River for 10 years, and in the spring of 1847, with the view of enlistment in the Mexican War, he left Wisconsin and journeyed down the Mississippi River and landed at Burlington, Iowa, in June of 1847. Dec. 27, 1847 was united in marriage to Mary Elizabeth Marshall daughter of John & Nancy Marshall of Cario, Iowa. (See Genealogy-"Marshall & Related Families" by Wallace Marshall) Erastus Weaver was a musician studied the flute in early manhood, was a fifer later as a soldier. On Oct. 26, 1861 he enlisted in Co. C. 16th Reg. Iowa Volunteers and was discharged for disability Dec. 27, 1862. Fought in the Battle of Shiloh. He re-enlisted Nov. 28, 1863 in the same regiment and was honorably discharged May 9, 1865. During the time of his second enlistment he was stationed at Camp McClellan, Davenport, Iowa. He spent all his life after coming to Iowa, at Cario, in Marshall Twp. He was a man of deep religious conviction. He died at Cario, April 1st, 1904, age 88 years. Buried Fulton Cemetery, Cairo, Iowa.

From his obituary:

"Erastus Weaver, one of Marshall Twps oldest and most highly respected citizens; a man with legions of friends and no enemies; a man whose whole life has been filled with good deeds and usefulness to mankind; a man among men and a loyal subject to nation, state, and county."

Children:

I- Elizabeth[10]- married Rease Sellers- Cairo, Ia.
- a- Frank Sellers- M. Maud Murry
  - 1- Mary Sellers m. Jack Lihs
  - 2- William Sellers
  - 3- Murry Sellers
  - 4- Charles Sellers
- b- George Sellers m. Vera Marshall
  - 1- Max Sellers
- c- Leona Sellers m. Arthur Newhirter
  - 1- Elizabeth Newhirter m. Harold Duncan
  - 2- Harold Newhirter

II- Emily Francis[10] - Married Dr. Wm. H. Darrow lived at Columbus Junction, Iowa.
- a- John Don Darrow m. Effie Klotz
  - 1- Helen Darrow (Dec.)
  - 2- William Darrow (Dec.)

III- Lucy M.[10] - married Edward Samuel Briggs lived at Cairo & Wapello, Ia.
- a- Weaver Briggs m. Ethel Marshall
  - 1- Hilton Briggs
  - 2- Alice Briggs
  - 3- Robert Briggs
  - 4- James Briggs
- b- Charles W. Briggs m. Lois Johnson
  - 1- Warren Briggs
  - 2- Edward Briggs
  - 3- William Briggs

IV- Clara J.[10] - married Dr. C. B. Allen lived at Morning Sun, Ia.
- a- Harry D. Allen
- b- William S. Allen m. Gladys Bonner
  - 1- Charlotte Virginia Allen- married Robert Beck
- c- Lottie Allen- m. Miles T. Babb.

V- Harry Otis[10] - married Alma Anna Neuse lived at Wapello, Iowa
- a- Mary Francis Weaver (Dec. in childhood)
- b- William Otis Weaver

VI- Henrietta[10] - married G. A. Salmon lived at Columbus Junction, Ia.

51- HARRY OTIS[10] WEAVER

Born at Cairo, Iowa, April 20, 1866. Elementary school Cairo, State University of Iowa- 1892, B.A. & LLD. Married Alma Anna Neuse of Centerville, Iowa, Oct. 6, 1896, daughter of George Neuse, prominient southeast Iowa lumberman. Entered Practice of Law, Wapello, Iowa, 1892. General Assembly of Iowa, 2 terms and special session 1892-1900. (Youngest member of the Assembly) For 10 years Republican Committeeman 1st Dist. of Iowa. Elected 3 times State chairman of the Republican Party. Succesfully managed McKinley-Shaw Campaign. Appointed Internal Reveneu Collector for Iowa. served 11 years. 1920 Chairman of Lowden Campaign in Iowa. Chairman Republican Delegation to National Convention. Owner "Uppermill Farm" home of "Villager" imported shorthorn bull. Director & President American Shorthorn Breeders' Association. Member Iowa State Fair Board. Prominient lawyer and one of the leaders of the Bar Southeastern Iowa. Died May 27, 1933, 67 years, buried Wapello Cemetery, Wapello, Iowa.

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Children:

I- Mary Francis Weaver (Died in childhood)

II- William Otis Weaver

(Note- There is separate genealogy data in family file on Alma Anna Neuse Weaver.)

52- WILLIAM OTIS[11] WEAVER

Born Wapello, Iowa, Dec. 1, 1908, married Margaret Hall of Centerville, Iowa, daughter of M. G. & Margaret Hall, June 14, 1941.

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Children:

I- Joan Elizabeth[12] Weaver b. Jan. 6, 1943

II- Nancy Ann[12] Weaver b. Feb. 23, 1945

III- Margaret Jane[12] Weaver b. June 4, 1947

IV- William Hall[12] Weaver b. Oct. 10, 1950

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EXHIBIT "A"

EVIDENCE OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE OF CONSTANT WEAVER.

The following extracts from the General Services, Administration, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, 25, D. C. set forth the Revolutionary War Service of Constant Weaver, the pension application being the Archives file No. W 25936.

State of Rhode Island

County of Privdence

On the 19th day of May 1827 personally appeared before me Benjamin Cowell Chief Justice of the Court of Common Please within and for said County Constant Weaver a resident in the City of Providence aged 80 years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of June 8th 1832 the said Constant being unable to appear in Court by reason of bodily infirmity declares and says. That he was born in that part of Scituate in said County which is now called Foster in the year A D 1757, but he does not know that his birth is recorded in any public or private record, that he was married in said Scituate & lived there until after the war, then removed to Killingby in the State of Connecticut where he lived until 1817 when he removed to Vermont in the town of Hartland where he lived until about two years ago when he removed to Belchertown in Massachusetts from thence he has recently removed to the City of Providence where he lives with his son Daniel Weaver he has lived with his children for a number of years past, not being able to take care of himself having had several shocks of the numb palsy which entirely disqualifies him from making any effort for himself & this is the reason why he has not applied for a pension before nor could he now make any effort to obtain it, but for the assistance of his children on whom he solely depends--- he first entered the services by enlistment as herein stated & served under Captain Shelden & Captain Harrington & was always regularly discharged although nothing in writing.

And the said Constant further declares that according to his best recollection in 1775 he enlisted as a "minute man" in September or October as a private in Captain Harrindons Company & served as much as seven months during the autumn and he further declares in November 1876 he enlisted for three months as a private in a regiment raised for three months in Capt Simon Harrindon Company and was marched to Rhode Island and served out his time & he then served a month longer in same capacity, before his return home, It was in the spring 1777 when he returned. After his return home he was enrolled in Captain Simeon Harrindons Company of Militia & served as much as two months more more in monthly tours between May & December of said year---And he further declares that in 1778 he served four monthly tours one in winter one in Spring one in Summer & one in the fall in same Company and in 1779 he served as much as three monthly tours at least in some way and in 1780 in the Spring he served a tour of a month on Rhode Island he served as much as 18 months at least for which he claims a pension and he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of agency of any state.

Constant his X mark Weaver

Attest

Benj Cowell

Seth W. Brown

Providence
In City of Providence May 19, 1837

Sworn to & Subscribed before me by the said Constant and I further certify that by great bodily infirmity & age he is unable to appear in Court I also certify from the evidence presented he served as he states or as much as he states in his declaration in the way of the revolution.

Benj Cowell
CJCCPleas

DECLARATION

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of 2nd February 1848 entitled an Act making further provision for securing widows and soldiers of the Revolution

State of Connecticut

County of Windham ss Plainfield October

On this 25th day of October A.D. 1848 before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Molly Weaver widow of Constant Weaver a resident Plainfield aforesaid Aged 95 years; who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed on the 2nd day of February 1848 granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the revlutionary war.

That she is the widow of Constant Weaver who was a soldier in the Revolutionary Army. That she received a pension under the Act of June 17th AD 1844 at the rate of Twenty Six Dollars and She further declares that she is still a widow of said constant Weaver---

Sworn to and subscribed on
the 25th day of October AD
1848

her
Molly X Weaver
mark

before me

William Dyer Justice of the Peace

Witness
Anna Kennedy
Kimball Dennedy

I hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the before named declarant and she is the same individual who drew a pension as stated in the foregoing declaration.
Attest William Dyer Justice of the Peace
State of Connecticut ss County of Windham

Office of Clerk of County Court

I hereby certify that William Dyer Esq was, on the 25th day of October AD 1848 a Justice of the Peace in and for said County duly commissioned and qualified and that the foregoing signatures are genuine.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed the seal of S Court this 1st day of November Ann. Dan. 1848.
Daniel L. Tyler Clerk

CONNECTICUT

Molly Weaver, widow

of

Constant Weaver decd

was a pensioner under the Act of 7 June 1832

who died on the 8th February 1838---

Windham Co. in the State of Connecticut

was a private in the Company

manded by Captain Shelden of the

Regt Commanded by in

Connecticut line for 8 months

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subscribed on the Roll of Connecticut

the rate of 26 Dollars 66 cts

per annum, to commence on the 4th day

March, 1836 & ending 8th Feby. 38

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tificate of Pension issued the 10th day of

December and sent to Benj.

Colton, Esq. Hartford Conn.

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rears to the 4th of

mi-annual allowance ending

(Act July 7, 1838)

corded by Wm C Fales Clerk,

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EXHIBIT B"

FAMILY RECORDS OF WEAVER FAMILY IN POSSESSION OF WILLIAM O. WEAVER
WAPELLO, IOWA

Constantine Weaver, of Providence R. I. was a Revolutionary soldier, and died about the year 1838 or 40. His sons were Daniel, Joshua, Ruben, Joseph, Constantine Jr. and George Weaver. They all lived near or about Providence. Joshua was killed at a fire in the city, when a middle aged man. Constantine Weaver Jr. came West and settled near Quincy Ill.

George Weaver's wife was Mary Rebecca Day and to them two children were born, Erastus Weaver and a sister who married _____. (George Weaver died about the year 1820.) Erastus Weaver's mother afterwards married Timothy Aldrich. They had three sons viz. Edward, Nelson and Charles. Edward lives at the present time in Keen N. H. Nelson died in the army. Charles belonged to the 40th Ill. Regiment. and has not been heard of since the war.

Erastus Weaver's sister Mary married _____ several daughters were born to them. One is Eliza Saunders now living at Roxbury Mass. other Ellen Leach

Timothy Aldrich's father was Kaleb Aldrich an officer in the Revolutionary War. Timothy had a brother Linus, brother Nelson, and a sister who married a Knight.

Grandmother wife of Constantine maiden name Mary Spaulding. After death of Constatine Weaver his wife drew pention and lived Palinfield Conn. with her daughter Ann Kinnedy.

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Joshua W. lived in Providence, R. I. Captain Hydralic Co. and boat docks & Wharfs and at Brown & Ives fire 1826 about was killed city gave his widow much money.

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Wife of Geo Weaver Rebecca Day

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Joseph Weaver was carpenter
Rhuben " blacksmith

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Weaver's related in some way to S. A. Hopkins of R. I.

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Spaulding Brothers composer of song & him

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Ruben Weaver oldest son was engaged for many years in jewelry business 1842.

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Fathers name George Weaver
Rev. Soldier
(Granfather Constantine) Weaver

George Weaver had a brothers named Rubin Weaver, Daniel Weaver, Joshua Weaver, & Constantine, and Joseph Weaver----

Rubin Weavers children were Lucius, & Edwin, Elizabeth and Maria taught in Browns University and married a universalist preacher

Mother named Mary Rebecca Spalding.

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Brothers & Sisters

Edward Aldrich
Keen N. H.

Emiline in Boston

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Constantine Weaver was near reltion of Stephen A Hopkins.